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Dear SciDAC reviewer:

I am writing in my capacity as the Director of Science for Oak Ridge National Laboratory's National Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS) to voice my strong support for the VACET Visualization and Analytics Center for Enabling Technologies. As a steward of high performance scientific computing at one of our nation's premier computing centers, I value the role of scientific visualization and analysis in the exploration of data that our users generate. The tools that VACET members produce, as well as the support that they give to SciDAC users on ORNL's systems, greatly complement the capabilities that NCCS provides.

For the last 2.5 years, VACET members have deployed the VisIt visualization tool on our systems. They have maintained it for SciDAC users, providing support and producing images that we regularly use in our publications and public relations materials. In addition, the parallel R capabilities that have been deployed on our systems have enabled parallel statistical analysis that would not have been possible elsewhere, especially for climate science exploration. While we have an embedded visualization team within our center, their capabilities are greatly strengthened by the collaborations that SciDAC and VACET provide.

We at NCCS are very pleased with the services that VACET provides for our users and we look forward to future partnerships with them.

Sincerely,

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